Super Fund Legislation

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balance from government contributions.

H.R. 85, the other House bill, will create a fund of $750 million to deal with spills of hazardous materials into the nation's waterways. This fund will be created completely from taxes assessed on private industry.

Both of these bills enjoy widespread support and I am extremely confident they will pass in the House of Representatives.

In contrast, the Senate version of the "superfund" has attempted to deal with both hazardous waste sites and oil/chemical spills in the same bill. Accordingly, it has become much more complex and costly, and has lent itself to jurisdictional and procedural problems. The chances of the Senate being able to process this bill through the three committees involved, reconcile the differences which will result, present it to and have it pass the full Senate, and then meet with members of the House to reconcile final differences—all before the Congress adjourns in two weeks—appear to be less than certain.

The extraordinary nature of this problem dictates that extraordinary measures must be taken.

For that reason, it has been suggested that the Senate accept the House "superfund package" in lieu of their bill. This would assure quick passage in the whole Congress and virtually guarantee enactment of legislation this year.

I have asked the Carter Administration to become directly involved in facilitating this suggested approach. I am confident that honest differences of opinion can and will be worked out for the common good as long as there is a commitment to have legislation this year.

I believe that the immediacy of the need, the overwhelming public sentiment for action, and the complexity of the legislative path "superfund" has, and still must travel, requires that a concentrated, coordinated effort be put forth by all concerned. As predicted, the management of hazardous wastes has become the environmental issue of the 80's. I am afraid that unless Congress acts in an expeditious manner, it will also be the environmental issue of the 90's.

James J. Florio, Chairman
House Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce

The Great Debate

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while the size of private individual and corporate debt has skyrocketed in proportion. Mr. Reagan would have you believe that federal taxes have reached enormous proportions when in fact the average tax burden on individuals measured against the Gross National Product has remained constant. Corporate income tax has even declined slightly during this period. The dramatic growth in the number of government bureaucrats has taken place on the federal level but on the state and local level. Since 1957 the number of Federal employees has risen 18 percent. However, in proportion to the population of the United States, there has been an actual decline in Federal employment. At the same time, the proportionate number of state and local government employees has doubled.

There is much that is appealing in John Anderson. On such issues as ERA, gun control, and abortion he takes clear and decisive stands. However, he never won primary, his ratings in the polls stand at only 15 percent and his campaign is still short of money. Mr. Anderson may claim to be a liberal, but his fiscal policies are every bit as conservative as Mr. Reagan.

I wish there had been a good Democrat at the debate in Baltimore Sunday. A Democrat in the tradition of Roosevelt, Kennedy, and Humphrey. Someone, who would have reminded the American people of the Federal Government's historic role in protecting labor, the poor, and the discriminated. Instead of a good Democrat there was an empty chair.

Palestinian Problem

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the journalist will be flooded with cries of subjectivity. However, in the words of Jamen Cameron "I always tended to argue that objectivity was of less importance then the truth."

Where the Palestinian problem is concerned, to establish the facts has been more difficult than it should be because there has been a sustained attempt to disguise them. The events which have led to the present situation are very recent events. The Western world has played a considerable, and at times a central role in the situation. It is understandable that people in other parts of the world can claim ignorance of the origin of the situation, however, the Western world can make no such claim. It is the responsibility of every American to base his judgement on the realities of the situation. The Palestinian and the Jewish people are human too. They both deserve to attain their national and human rights. This includes the right to self-determination.

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Tom Minnefor

The SGA in an effort to establish better communications with Drew's student body, has created a media staff. It is the feeling of the SGA that although they have been very active, and positive in the past, their effectiveness could be improved with better communication with an input from the student body.

To solve this problem a staff of three, Beth Hogan, Sue McVean, and Tom Minnefor will be relating the SGA's activities to the student body through the University's various medias. The activities and major issues of student government will be found in articles in the Acorn, SGA newsletters, and also on the University's radio station, WMNJ 88.7 FM. The media staff will also be trying to establish better relations with the local newspapers so that the general public will also be aware of "What's Happening" in student government at Drew.

The media staff will also be looking to hear from the students and will be making every attempt to find out what the student body has to say and contribute. In this way, with better relations and communications established, the SGA feels it will be more effective and much more representative. The SGA would like to announce that those wishing to work on the staff this year are encouraged to do so. Fill out an application or get in touch with one of us as soon as possible. If all else fails leave a note with your name and address at the SGA office, room 108 in the University Center.

SGA Shows Positive Action

Tom Minnefor

The Student Government Association held its first meeting on Tuesday, September 9th. The meeting was attended by the summer senators who discussed such topics as the Judical Board, Drew's housing situation, the pub, a video screen to be purchased, the steps on Baldwin Hill, security, and the upcoming elections.

While the meeting's purpose was basically for discussion, some definite action did take place.

A note of interest to many students lies in the area of the pub board. Three college representatives, Ron Reed, Andy Baron, and Marie DelBusto were named to a tentative pub board which also consists of Brad Toll, Dominic Conavo, Jon Stenberg, Sandy Stafonco, and Wayne Tordo, who have been working with the pub this summer. While this is not the official pub board, for the present they will be working with the pub's financial manager Bill Craven. When the official pub board is decided, they will be responsible for producing a day by day cash flow report. They will also be reviewing the price of beer to determine if the prices will be raised, lowered, or remain the same. It is the general feeling of the board that prices can be lowered.

The SGA would also like the student body to know that Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be nonalcoholic nights and the rest of the week alcohol will be served to anyone but minors.

The SGA also expressed its hope of having a T.V. video screen purchased for the University by early October. Members have begun pricing video screens in the area and the costs are expected to be somewhere between the $4,000 and $5,500 price range. Since funds for the screen will come from various University sources, the screen will be of a type that can be easily transported to different areas of campus depending on where it is needed.

SGA was especially pleased to announce that steps will be constructed on Baldwin Hill. For the past two years, there have been many requests for such steps and now they will finally be built. Plans for these steps are on display in the SGA office, room 108 in the University Center. The SGA encourages anyone interested to drop in and see the plans.

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